

REMARKS

The Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 1-16, 28 and 30-32 are allowed and that Claims 26-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 17, 25 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,757,129, which issued to Schafnitzel. Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,972,118, which issued to Yorifuji et al. Claims 18, 19 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schafnitzel in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,090,050, which issued to Siiberg. Claims 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yorifuji et al.

In an effort to expedite prosecution, Claims 17 and 27 have been amended and Claim 29 has been canceled.

The Application with Claims 1-25 and 27-32 is deemed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner believe that minor differences exist which, if overcome, would pass the Application to allowance and that said differences can be discussed in a phone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below

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